

**In the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A cassette holder into which a large cassette and a small cassette are selectively loaded, the small cassette having a width smaller than a width of the large cassette, the cassette holder comprising:
  4. a frame, an upper surface of the frame being a part of a bottom surface of a cassette opening having a size that fits the large cassette, the large or the small cassette being able to be loaded through the cassette opening;
  8. a pair of positioning-restriction elements, provided inside the cassette holder when viewed from the cassette opening, a distance between the positioning-restriction elements having a width enough for the small cassette to be loaded therebetween to a predetermined position in the cassette holder;
  13. a cassette detector to detect the large cassette when the large cassette is loaded through the cassette opening, at least a part of the cassette detector being positioned as being closer to a front-end section of the cassette opening than the positioning-restriction elements being are when viewed from the cassette opening;
  18. a drive mechanism to move the positioning-restriction elements from positions at which the positioning-restriction elements allow the small cassette but not the large cassette to be loaded therebetween to other positions at which the positioning-restriction elements do not obstruct the large cassette to be loaded, when the cassette detector detects the large cassette; and
  24. a pair of first and second flaps, each flap of the first and second flaps being positioned as being closer to the front-end section of the cassette opening than the positioning-restriction elements being are when viewed from the cassette opening, a distance between the first and

28        second flaps having a width being wide enough for the small cassette to  
29        be loaded therebetween to the predetermined position in the cassette  
30        holder, the first and second flaps being opened to allow the large cassette  
31        to be loaded when the first and second flaps are pushed by the large  
32        cassette whereas the first and second flaps being engaged with the  
33        positioning-restriction elements to obstruct the small cassette ~~to be from~~  
34        being loaded when at least either of the first or second flaps is pushed by  
35        the small cassette.

1        2. (Currently Amended) The cassette holder according to claim 1 further  
2        comprising a third flap having ~~a pair of~~ first and second notches in which  
3        the ~~pair of~~ first and second flaps are fit to shut the cassette opening.